

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CALDWELL-WEST CALDWELL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
MAY 2, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
GRAY STREET, WEST CALDWELL, NJ**

The purpose of this session is to discuss Personnel, Negotiations and legal matters. This meeting has been advertised and is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act and N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, a/k/a "Sunshine Law." The matters discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and formal action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a meeting to which the public has been invited.

**BUDGET HEARING/SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 2, 2022 AT 7:00 PM**

**HARRISON CONFERENCE ROOM
and VIA LIVESTREAM at link below:**

The Board of Education meeting will be streamed live. All community questions and comments will be welcomed in person at the Harrison School Conference Room. Please click the link to view the livestream. <https://youtu.be/SwDZXvwYXmQ> If the video does not load immediately, please refresh your browser.

The Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education Budget Hearing/Special Public Meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, a/k/a "Sunshine Law." Notices have been sent to *The Progress*, Caldwell, NJ and *The Star-Ledger*, Newark, NJ and TAPinto West Essex at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting. Notices have also been posted at the Board of Education Business Office, Harrison School Building, Gray Street, West Caldwell, NJ and have been delivered to the Clerk, Borough of Caldwell, and the Clerk, Township of West Caldwell for posting.

I. ROLL CALL

- Chris D'Ambola
- Chris Elko
- Paula Getty
- Julianne Grosso, Vice President
- Dan Cipoletti, President

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Budget

Motion made by _____ ; seconded by _____ , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education open the Public Hearing at _____ pm.

Affirmative vote

____ Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstentions

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III. PRESENTATION OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Public participation shall be governed by the following:

1. Participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of their name and address;
2. Statements are to be limited to three minutes' duration and may only address items on the Agenda;
3. Participant may speak no more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer.

Motion to close Public Hearing

Motion made by _____ ; seconded by _____ , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education close the Public Hearing at _____ pm.

Affirmative vote

____Ayes ____Nays ____Abstentions

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V. MOTIONS BY CONTENT AREA

A. Finance

Motion to approve item number 1. on this evening's Agenda under Finance.

1. Adoption of 2022-2023 Tentative Budget

A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education, in the County of Essex, NJ adopts the 2022-2023 school district budget. This budget meets the requirements for providing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and consists of appropriations as follows:

| | General Fund | Special Revenues | Debt Service | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 2022-2023 Total Expenditures | \$55,583,294 | \$2,447,679 | \$2,732,625 | \$60,763,598 |
| Less: Anticipated Revenues | <u>\$ 6,716,708</u> | <u>\$2,447,679</u> | <u>\$ 718,111</u> | <u>\$ 9,882,498</u> |
| Taxes to be Raised | \$48,866,586 | \$0 | \$2,014,514 | \$50,881,100 |

WHEREAS, the district has a taxing authority of a 2% cap increase over the prior year which totals \$958,169 resulting in a maximum district tax levy of \$48,866,586, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education proposed 2022-2023 tax levy is \$48,866,586 which is a 2% rise over the prior year.

B. Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal-Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects

WHEREAS, included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects, is \$ 1,405,000.00 for other capital projects costs, and

WHEREAS, that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education requests the approval of a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$ 1,405,000.00, and

RESOLVED, that the district intends to renovate the Harrison school building at a cost of approximately \$ 1,400,000.00 of which funding of \$450,000.00 will be from the Capital Reserve account and \$950,000 will be from the ARP ESSER grant. It is further resolved, that the district intends to use \$800,000.00 from the Capital Reserve account to renovate the Grover Cleveland Middle School auditorium and \$ 155,000.00 from the Capital Reserve account to construct a security entrance vestibule at the Harrison School.

C. Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal

RESOLVED that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education requests the approval of a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$418,000.00. The district intends to utilize \$260,000.00 to replace the gym floor at James Caldwell High School; \$ 105,000.00 to upgrade dust collection system at the High School, and \$53,000.00 to repave/repair the playground at the Jefferson School.

D. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement-2022-2023

WHEREAS school district Policy 6471, School District Travel, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et.seq., provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 school year was \$40,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2022-2023 school year not to exceed \$40,000.

THIS RESOLUTION to take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. D'Ambola | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Elko | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Getty | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Grosso | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Cipoletti |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Abs |

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by _____; seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education adjourn the Public Meeting at _____.

Affirmative Vote

____Ayes ____Nays ____Abstentions